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Please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims

Claims 8, 9, 11-14, and 17 are drawn to a non-elected invention. Please cancel claims 8, 9, 11-14, and 17 without prejudice to their further prosecution in a continuing or divisional application.

Please cancel claims 10, 15 and 16.

REMARKS

Applicants hereby elect for prosecution the invention of group I to be examined in this application. Claims 8, 9, 11-14 and 17 have been canceled.

Claims 1-7, 10, 15 and 16 were rejected variously for indefiniteness, lack of enablement, anticipation and obviousness. Claims 10, 15 and 16 have been canceled. Entry of the present amendments is respectfully requested. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections to the claims in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

The rejections directed to claims 10, 15 and 16 have been rendered moot by the cancellation of these claims. Accordingly, the rejections of claims 10, 15 and 16 under 35 USC §§ 101, 112, 102(a), 102(b) and 103(a) can be removed.

1. The Claims are definite under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph.

Claims 1 and 3 are rejected as the term "decrease" is deemed to be indefinite, claim 5 is rejected as the term "inhibits" is deemed indefinite, and claim 6 is rejected as the term "overexpressed" is deemed indefinite. Applicants respectfully submit that an applicant is not required to provide a definition for any term which has a